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### LITTLE LOCALS

A strong northerly blow up during the night.

Miss Janet Houston will spend this week with friends in Matamoros.

Christmas was rather a quiet day owing to its coming on Sunday.

The custom house is closed today on account of Christmas holiday.

Mr. J. D. Anderson, cashier of the First National bank, was taken sick today.

The passion play of the "Pastors" is an object of interest to strangers in Brownsville.

There were no services at the Episcopal church last night, as Rev. Mr. Portness was not feeling well.

"I will give half or one fourth of what I own for a railroad" is what THE HERALD hears from most all of our citizens.

The Ladies' Aid Society issued rations to 183 persons Saturday. Hot coffee and bread were given them besides the usual allowances.

Yesterday after the evening service at the Catholic church, one of the fathers distributed candy and fruit among the children as a Christmas remembrance.

After a week of gloomy weather, Christmas day dawned bright and beautiful. The sun shone all day, and at night gave place to the soft, unshadowed rays of the moon.

Peter Collins, a man well known in Brownsville and who was teaching school in Hidalgo county, dropped dead on last Saturday. His death was caused by heart disease.

Francisco Anguera died yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, of consumption, aged 27 years. The funeral takes place at 4 o'clock this afternoon from the Catholic church.

Mr. Louie Cowen, jr., today received a large deer, which was killed out on Bloomberg & Raphael's ranch. It weighed 187 pounds net and had seven points to his horns.

Hon. Jas. B. Wells leaves this morning for Austin on important legal business but expects to return to Corpus before taking his departure for Brownsville.—Corpus Christi Caller (Dec. 22.)

Mrs. Robert Dalzell and daughters arrived last night from San Antonio and will spend a few days in the city, guests at the magnificent home of Capt. M. Kenedy, before departing for their home at Brownsville.—Corpus Christi Caller.

Mr. W. H. Mackay arrived in our city Saturday on the steamboat Bessie. He is now representing the Mutual Life Insurance Co., of New York. Mr. M., has been traveling on the frontier for twenty-five years and has many friends who will welcome him in our midst. We trust he may meet with success in his business.

### Another Christmas Tree.

The Christmas exercise of the Episcopal Sunday school took place at the church Saturday night. The exercises consisted of some very pretty songs by the children and a short service conducted by Rev. Mr. Portness. At the invitation of the rector, Lieut. W. H. Chatfield delivered an interesting address and Hon. John B. Richardson, U. S. consul of Matamoros made a short and impressive talk to the children. After the conclusion of the exercises the curtains in front of the chancel were drawn back and there came into view one of the very prettiest Christmas trees it has ever been our lot to witness. There were beautiful dolls, graceful ships, horns, games, etc., to gladden every little heart. The older member of the Sabbath school were also remembered, being presented with handsome books as a reward for faithful attendance. Mr. Portness had offered a prize last summer to the pupil who would not fail to attend, a single Sunday before Christmas. So faithful were the little ones that he found no less than ten who were entitled to the prize. Each one of the ten was appropriately rewarded. The tree also bore some most mysterious and interesting epistles for certain young gentlemen who have since lost much sleep trying to guess the sender's name. One of the handsomest gifts was a beautifully bound "Gallery of Art and History" which was presented to their beloved rector by the ladies of his congregation as a testimonial of their high regard for him.

### Live Real Estate Men.

Mention has been made in our columns at different times recently of large real estate transfers made in this country. These transfers were made through the agency of the firm of Goodrich & Maris, lawyers and real estate agents. These gentlemen have a thorough knowledge of the lands and titles in Cameron county, and are doing an extensive real estate business. Anyone wishing to invest in or dispose of real estate will find them capable and reliable. Real estate agents can do more than any other agency towards building up a town or filling up the country with real purchases, and they should receive every encouragement. They know who wants to buy and who wants to sell, and are the men for purchasers or sellers to consult.

### A Man Killed.

Special to THE HERALD. Fort Ringgold, Dec. 25.—United States troops overtook a body of revolutionists in camp at Roma Blanco, about ten miles from Roma, a town on the Mexican side, opposite Rio Grande City, and routed them yesterday evening, capturing several overcoats and other property. Benito Guerra, a Mexican ranchman who lived near there was killed in the melee.

The steamboat Bessie came down on Saturday last, reaching Brownsville at noon. She had on board two passengers, W. H. Mackay and Jno. I. Kleiber, and a good load of wood and hides. Capt. Thornham spent Christmas day in the city, but he spent it superintending the loading of his boat and this morning left at day light, with a good cargo of general merchandise for up river points.

### Cases Affirmed.

In the court of civil appeals the cases passed upon were six cases on appeal from Cameron county, Mary J. Smithwick, et al appellants, trespass to try title, involving property in the city of Brownsville, judgment was rendered for appellees.

Among the Christmas gifts received by the editor of THE HERALD was a fine turkey gobbler, which was the gift of Mr. Frank Rabb, the generous young proprietor of San Tomas plantation. As we dissected his gobblership, we lingered over the wish-bone long enough to wish the donor a merry Christmas and many more just like it. May each succeeding Christmas find him happy and prosperous.

The steamship Morgan sailed for Algiers, via, Galveston at 4:30 Friday afternoon. Her cargo consisted of the following articles; 28 bales hides, 43 bales skins, 27 bales hair, 13 bales wool, 123 bundles wet hides, 386 loose hides, 62 barrels of asphaltum, 500 sack bones, 15 sacks cotton seed, 34 sack horns and 9 packages miscellaneous merchandise.

### A Cold Wave.

Corpus Christi, Dec. 26.—The observer here is ordered to hoist cold wave signals. Temperature will probably fall 20 to 30 degrees by tonight or Tuesday morning.

### ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Pickles in kegs at Barreda's.

Fire crackers at Barreda's.

Spanish olives, in kegs at Barreda's.

A fresh lot of corn beef at Barreda's.

Hot spiced rum at Mike Leahy's saloon.

Mike Leahy serves all kinds of mixed drinks.

Barreda has 200 varieties of fancy candies.

Budweiser and Pale Lager Beer at Celestin Jagou.

For a quiet game of billiards or pool go to Mike Leahy's.

Dr. Price's flavoring extracts and baking powders at Barreda's.

Evaporated pears and peaches received yesterday at Barreda's.

All kinds preserves and mince meats just received by Barreda.

Barreda has just received a lot of fresh butter. He sells it by the pound, or in 2 and 3 pound cans.

### For Sale.

I have for sale a new buggy, with set of harness, which I will sell cheap. The buggy was made by the Hayduck Carriage Co., of St. Louis, Mo. I also have a double set of harness, which will be sold cheap.

WM. SCANLAN.

### Notice.

The regular annual meeting of the stock holders of the First National Bank of Brownsville for the election of directors and such other business as may properly come before it, will be held at their banking house on Tuesday, January 10th 1893, as provided in by laws.

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